

Schedule of Proposed Action (SOPA) 04/01/2022 to 06/30/2022

Kootenai National Forest

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Project Name	Proje	ect Purpose	Planning Status	Decision	Expected Implementation	Project Contact				
Projects Occurring Nationwide										
Locatable Mining Rule - 36 CFR 228, subpart A. EIS	- Regulations Orders	s, Directives,	On Hold	N/A	N/A	Sarah Shoemaker 907-586-7886 sarahshoemaker@fs.fe d.us				
		locatable minerals or review/comment in	The U.S. Department of Agriculture proposes revisions to its regulations at 36 CFR 228, Subpart A governing ocatable minerals operations on National Forest System lands. A draft EIS & proposed rule should be available for eview/comment in late 2020							
	Web Link:	http://www.fs.usda.g	gov/project/?project=57214							
	Location:	regulations apply to	level Units. STATE - All States. Co all NFS lands open to mineral enti sda.gov/science-technology/geolog	ry under the US minin	g laws. More Inform	mation is available				
Nationwide Aerial Application of Fire Retardant on National Forest System Land. EIS *UPDATED*	- Regulations Orders	s, Directives,	In Progress: NOI in Federal Register 08/08/2020 Est. DEIS NOA in Federal Register 02/2022	Expected:06/2022	07/2022	Laura Conway 406-802-4317 laura.conway@usda.go v				
S. S. II.	Description:	Programmatic Supp Land.	Programmatic Supplemental EIS for the Nationwide Aerial Application of Fire Retardant on National Forest System							
	Web Link:	http://www.fs.usda.g	gov/project/?project=60450							
	Location:		level Units. STATE - All States. C S will apply to use of aerially delive		-	•				

Projects Occurring in more than one Region (excluding Nationwide)

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Projects Occurring in more than one Region (excluding Nationwide)										
Pacific Northwest National Scenic Trail Comprehensive Plan EA		management ea management	In Progress: Scoping Start 11/01/2017 Est. Comment Period Public Notice 01/2023	Expected:08/2023	01/2024	Becky Blanchard 503-808-2449 becky.blanchard@usda. gov				
	Description Web Link:	conditions for the Pa	e Plan will develop administrative a acific Northwest National Scenic Tr gov/project/?project=52259							
	Location:	District, Three River District, Methow Va Lake Ranger District Boundary, Flathead Whatcom. LEGAL	Ranger District, Mt Baker Ranger rs Ranger District, Three Rivers Ralley Ranger District, Sullivan Lake Ist, Rexford Ranger District. STATE, Glacier, Lincoln, Clallam, Ferry, Ist- Not Applicable. The trail begins at 7 National Forests, 3 National Par	inger District, Republi Ranger District, Olym E- Idaho, Montana, W sland, Jefferson, Okar t the Continental Divic	c Ranger District, opic National Forest ashington. COUN nogan, Pend Oreill de in Glacier Natior	Fonasket Ranger All Units, Priest ITY - Bonner, e, Skagit, Stevens, nal Park and travels				

R1 - Northern Region, Occurring	g in more than one Forest (excl	uding Regionwide)					
Pacific Northwest National Scenic Trail Comprehensive Plan EA	- Recreation management	In Progress: Scoping Start 11/01/2017 Est. Comment Period Public Notice 10/2019	Expected:11/2020	12/2020	Matthew McGrath 503-808-2405 mtmcgrath@fs.fed.us		
	Description: The Comprehensive Plan will develop administrative and management goals, objectives and practices for public lands in Forest Service Regions 1 and Regions 6. Web Link: https://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=52259						
	District, Priest Lak Boundary, Flathea Glacier National P	ew Ranger District, Bonners Ferry Rate Ranger District, Rexford Ranger Dad, Glacier, Lincoln. LEGAL - Not Aptark and travels 1,200 miles through rate lands in MT, ID, WA.	District. STATE - Idaho Oplicable. The trail beg	o, Montana. COI ins at the Contine	UNTY - Bonner, ental Divide in		

Kootenai National Forest	Cabinet Ranger District (exclude	ing Projects occurring	g in more than one District)
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R1 - Northern Region

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Kootenai National Forest Cab	inet Ranger D	istrict (excluding P	rojects occurring in more than o	ne District)		R1 - Northern Region		
BMU 4 Access Project EA *NEW LISTING*	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Road management		In Progress: Scoping Start 02/22/2022 Est. Comment Period Public Notice 07/2022	Expected:12/2022	05/2023	Katelyn Miller 406-827-0717 katelyn.miller2@usda.g ov		
	Description: Web Link:	the total and open ro Land Management I	r District is proposing access changoad density and increase the core lelan. gov/project/?project=61529					
	Location:	UNIT - Cabinet Ran T27N, R32W; T27N	ger District. STATE - Montana. C , R33W; T27N, R34W; T28N, R32V ect is located northeast of the Clark	W; T28N, R33W; and	T28N, R34W; Mor	ntana PMM. The		
Dry Creek Sediment Reduction	- Fuels management - Watershed management		On Hold	N/A	N/A	Craig Neesvig 406-827-0734 cneesvig@fs.fed.us		
	Web Link:							
	Location: UNIT - Cabinet Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Sanders. LEGAL - T28N;R33W;S30;T28N;R33W;S24,25,36; Sanders County, PMM. Dry Creek, a tributary to the Bull River.							
McKay-Engle EA	- Forest prod - Vegetation	h, Rare plants ducts management orest products) agement	In Progress: Scoping Start 07/15/2021 Est. Comment Period Public Notice 12/2021	Expected:08/2022	09/2022	Kira Powell 406-827-0731 kira.powell@usda.gov		
		forest products, and	d resiliency to disturbance through build whitebark pine resistance to					
	Web Link:	http://www.fs.usda.g	gov/project/?project=60141					
	Location: UNIT - Cabinet Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Sanders. LEGAL - portions of sections 4-6 of T25N, R31W; 1 and 2 of T25N, R32W; 7, 16-21, and 28-33 of T26N, R31W; 9-16, 21-28, 33-36 of T26N, R32W, PMM. Approximately 10 miles northwest of Trout Creek, Montana, in the McKay, Orr, and Rock Creek drainages in Sanders County.							

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Smeads Bench Trail 1077 Reroute CE	- Recreation management	In Progress: Scoping Start 06/16/2021	Expected:07/2021	06/2023	Kira Powell 4068270731 kira.powell@usda.gov						
		ely 1/4 mile segment with chronic emile, constructed to the same trail of									
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.g	gov/project/?project=60278									
		ger District. STATE - Montana. Con MT. Section 20, T 26N R33W, 4		LEGAL - Not Applic	cable. Smeads						
Vermilion River Restoration EA	- Watershed management	On Hold	N/A	N/A	Craig Neesvig 406-827-0734 cneesvig@fs.fed.us						
Description: stream habitat restoration program proposed for 9 specific reaches on the Vermilion River over a 10 yr p Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=31702											
	S1-4, T24N; R30W;	ger District. STATE - Montana. C Sanders County; PMM. Vermilion on Falls and downstream to about	River reaches approx								

Kootenai National Forest Fortine Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District) R1 - Northern Region									
Ten Lakes Travel Management Project	- Recreation management	On Hold	N/A	N/A	Moira McKelvey 406-296-7137				
EIS	Description, D				mmckelvey@fs.fed.us				
	more info click	Description: Proposed activities include designation of over-snow motorized use areas and non-snow trail management. For more info click here: https://www.fs.usda.gov/detailfull/kootenai/landmanagement/planning/?cid=stelprd3841289&width=full							
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/detail/kootenai/landmanagement/projects/?cid=stelprd3841289.								
	1	UNIT - Fortine Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Lincoln. LEGAL - Not Applicable. The project area is located North and East of Eureka, Montana.							

Kootenai National Forest	Libby Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)	R1 - Northern Region
Kootenal National Forest	Lippy Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)	R1 - Northern Region

Project Name	Project Purpose		Planning Status	Decision	Expected Implementation	Project Contact			
Kootenai National Forest Libb	y Ranger Dis	Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)							
Montanore Project EIS	- Minerals ar	nd Geology	In Progress: NOI in Federal Register 12/28/2017 Est. DEIS NOA in Federal Register 06/2019	Expected:04/2020 Actual: 02/12/2016	06/2020	Lynn Hagarty 406-283-7642 Ihagarty@fs.fed.us			
	Description	III prepare an EIS for ver transmission line							
	Web Link:	http://www.fs.usda.g	gov/detail/kootenai/landmanageme	nt/resourcemanagem	ent/?cid=stelprdb5	290833			
	Location:	9; T27N, R29W, S 1 T28N, R31W, S 13-	er District. STATE - Montana. CO 18-20, 29, 30, 32; T27, R30W, S 16 15, 23, 24, 26, 35, 36; T27N, R31V inet Mountains Wilderness.	6-24; T28N, R30W, S	19; T27N, R31W, S	S 1-3, 9, 11-15;			
Stargazing Mining Operation EA	- Minerals ar	nd Geology	On Hold	N/A	N/A	Jamison Smith 406-283-7556 Jamison.Smith@usda.g ov			
	Description:	placer material from	argazing mine are proposing a minion the mountainside and set up three gov/project/?project=58940						
	Location:	Section 28 of Towns	er District. STATE - Montana. CO ship 29 North, Range 31 West P.M ed activity, are located on the south y Creek Road.	I.M. in Lincoln County	, Montana. The Sta	argazing mining			
Stimson Lumber Company Access CE *UPDATED*		Special use management - Road management - Scoping Start 06/15/2021 Expected:04/2022 06/2022 Keith Karoglanian 406-283-7567 Keith.karoglanian@gov							
O. DAILD	Description: Provide management access to Stimson Lumber Company lands through National Forest land. Two short segments of new road, totaling about 2600 feet (about 3 acres), would replace access on costly and currently inaccessible National Forest System roads.								
	Web Link:		gov/project/?project=55008						
	Location:		er District. STATE - Montana. CO Montana in the Bobtail Creek drain						

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Kootenai National Forest	Libby Ranger District (excluding Pro	Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)							
Swamped EA *UPDATED*	 Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants Forest products Vegetation management (other than forest products) Fuels management Watershed management Road management 	In Progress: Comment Period Public Notice 04/06/2021	Expected:11/2022	06/2023	Mandy Rockwell 406-283-7572 mandy.rockwell@usda. gov				
	proposal may also an area southeast	cription: Use vegetation management treatments to improve forest conditions, hazardous fuels levels, and wildlife proposal may also include transportation management, watershed improvement, and noxious weed treatr an area southeast of Libby, MT.							
	all or portions of To The project area is	er District. STATE - Montana. CO ownships 27, 28, and 29 North, Ran southeast of Libby, MT, extending liot Creek drainage (north end) to la	ges 29 and 30 West I east from Highway 2	P.M.M. in Lincoln C to the divide with th	County, Montana.				

Kootenai National Forest	Rexford Ranger	texford Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District) R1 - Northern Region							
Abayance to Bridge Trail Construction CE	- Recreation	management	On Hold	N/A	N/A	Marcy Butts 406-296-7536 mbutts@fs.fed.us			
	Description		er 0.8 mile segment bet	petween Abayance Bay Marina a ween the sound side of Pinkham					
	Web Link:	http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=55260							
	Location:		36N, R28W; and Section	Montana. COUNTY - Lincoln. L s 4, 5, and 6, T35N, R28W. Fron					

Project Name	Proje	ect Purpose	Planning Status	Decision	Expected Implementation	Project Contact		
Kootenai National Forest Rexford Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District) R1 - Northern R								
Beaver Creek Private Land Access	- Special use	management	In Progress: Scoping Start 08/03/2021	Expected:09/2021	09/2021	Ron Komac 406-296-2536 x7130 Ronald.Komac@usda.g ov		
	Description: Web Link:		rivate landowner as access throug gov/project/?project=60593	h other lands cannot l	oe obtained			
	Location:		nger District. STATE - Montana. C thwest of Trego, MT.	COUNTY - Lincoln. L	EGAL - Not Applica	able. Beaver		
Douglas Hill OHV and Dispersed Camping Areas EA *NEW LISTING*	- Recreation	management	In Progress: Scoping Start 03/09/2022 Est. Comment Period Public Notice 06/2022	Expected:12/2022	12/2022	Marcy Butts 406-296-7536 marcella.butts@usda.go v		
	Description:	Recreation Site man	nagement to address increased use	е				
	Web Link:	http://www.fs.usda.g	gov/project/?project=61767					
	Location:		nger District. STATE - Montana. (on 1; T37N R27W, Sections 29-32.					
Douglas Hill-Tobacco River Recreation Sites CE	- Recreation	management	On Hold	N/A	N/A	Marcy Butts 406-882-4451 x8341 mbutts@fs.fed.us		
	Description: Web Link:	ohv use	creation sites adjacent to Lake Koo	canusa addressing o	vernight camping, o	dispersed sites, and		
	Location:							
Long Lake Private Land Access CE	- Special use	e management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 08/2021	Expected:09/2021	09/2021	Ron Komac 406-296-2536 x7130 Ronald.Komac@usda.g ov		
	Description:	Provide access to p	rivate lands across NFS as other a	ccess cannot be obta	ined through other	private land		
	Web Link:	http://www.fs.usda.g	gov/project/?project=60594					
	Location:	UNIT - Rexford Rar area south of Eurek	nger District. STATE - Montana. (a, MT.	COUNTY - Lincoln. L	EGAL - Not Applica	able. Long Lake		

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Kootenai National Forest Rex	ord Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District) R1 - Northern						
Ten Lakes Snowmobile Fun Run 2022 CE *UPDATED*	- Recreation management - Special use management	Completed	Actual: 01/04/2022	01/2022	Ron Komac 406-296-2536 x7130 Ronald.Komac@usda.g ov		
OFDATED	Description: Authorize an organized oversnow event for a local snowmobile club Location: UNIT - Rexford Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Lincoln. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Grave Creek Drainage, Big Therriault Lake.						
Young Creek Bay SST EA *NEW LISTING*	- Recreation management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 03/2022	Expected:08/2022	09/2022	Marcy Butts 406-882-4451 x8341 marcella.butts@usda.go v		
	Description: Install a new SST (Sweet Smelling Toilet) in the Young Creek Bay area to address ongoing sanitation problems Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=61770						
	Location: UNIT - Rexford Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Lincoln. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Near Young Creek Bay in the West Kootenai area, approximately 18 miles northwest of Eureka Mt.						

Kootenai National Forest THR	EE RIVERS I	RANGER DISTRICT	(excluding Projects occurring in	n more than one Distr	ict)	R1 - Northern Region
2022 Kootenai NF Commercial and Personal Use Mushroom Permits and Camps	- Special use management		In Progress: Scoping Start 03/01/2022	Expected:04/2022	04/2022	Sara Alberts 928-354-2216 sara.alberts@usda.gov
CE *NEW LISTING*	Description: Permits for 2022 commercial mushroom harvesting and designated camp area for commercial harvesters for resource protection and sanitation management.					
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=61713					
	Location: UNIT - Three Rivers Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Lincoln. LEGAL - T32N, R33W, Sec. 7 NE 1/4. So. Yaak Camp at Noseeum Gravel Pit on NFSR 752, one mile south of Skinner Lake.					

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Kootenai National Forest THR	EE RIVERS F	ANGER DISTRICT	(excluding Projects occurring in	more than one Dist	rict)	R1 - Northern Region		
Black Ram (Northwest Yaak) EA	- Wildlife, Fi - Forest pro- - Vegetation (other than fo - Fuels man	management prest products)	In Progress: Objection Period Legal Notice 09/29/2020	Expected:02/2021	04/2021	Lisa Osborn 406-295-4693 losborn@fs.fed.us		
	Description: Web Link: Location:	such as prescribed http://www.fs.usda. UNIT - Three Rivers North,Ranges 30,3	We are proposing timber harvest; mechanical and hand piling of fuels; wildlife and aquatic habitat improvement such as prescribed burning and stream restoration work; and trail and other recreation improvements. http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=52784 UNIT - Three Rivers Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Lincoln. LEGAL - Townships 36 & 37 North,Ranges 30,31,32,&33 West. This project area includes Northwest Yaak from the Canadian border west to he Idaho border, south to the ridge line between Spread Creek and Pete Creek and east to the Yaak River.					
Keeler Creek Side Channel Plug	- Watershed	management	In Progress: Scoping Start 07/02/2021	Expected:07/2021	07/2021	Lisa Osborn 406-295-4693 lisa.osborn@usda.gov		
	Description: Web Link:	n: Plug a side channel of Keeler Creek because the road is at risk of washout. The work would armor the head end of the channel against bankfull and higher runoff events to minimize erosive flow down the channel and towards the road. http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=60365						
	Location:	UNIT - Three Rivers Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Lincoln. LEGAL - Not Applicable. The project site is located in Lincoln County, Montana in Section 30, T30N, R35W, approximately 5.5 miles up the unpaved portion of NFSR 473 at the junction with NFSR 404.						

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Kootenai National Forest THR	EE RIVERS R	ANGER DISTRICT	(excluding Projects occurring in	more than one Distr	ict)	R1 - Northern Region
Knotty Pine EA	 Recreation management Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants Forest products Vegetation management (other than forest products) Fuels management 		In Progress: Objection Period Legal Notice 10/06/2021	Expected:01/2022	04/2022	Lisa Osborn 406-295-4693 losborn@fs.fed.us
	Description:		oject is located north and west of Tr k, and Red Top Creeks.	roy, Montana and incl	udes Pine Creek, (Curley Creek, Lime
	Web Link:	http://www.fs.usda.g	gov/project/?project=57657			
	Location:		s Ranger District. STATE - Montan escription includes all or portions of ty, Montana.			
MT300 Hirst d.b.a. Mountain View Flats LLC Small Tracts Act CE *NEW LISTING*		rship management	In Progress: Scoping Start 01/10/2022	Expected:02/2022	08/2022	Elizabeth Youngstrom 406-283-7787 elizabeth.youngstrom@ usda.gov
NEW LISTING	Description: Small Tracts Act project. The proposed action for this case is to convey Strip #1 as stated in the warrant deed to the United States, to Mountain View Flats LLC.					
	Location:	UNIT - Three Rivers Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Lincoln. LEGAL - Section 35, Township 32N, Ranger 34W. Kootenai National Forest Three Rivers RD Section 35, Township 32N, Ranger 34W.				
South Yaak Fire Salvage Project EA	- Forest prod - Fuels man		In Progress: Comment Period Public Notice 11/05/2021	Expected:06/2022	06/2022	Lisa Osborn 406-295-4693 lisa.osborn@usda.gov
Description: The proposal includes salvage timber harvesting, commercial roadside hazard tree removal, fue following harvest and hazard tree removal, non-commercial roadside hazard tree removal, reform revegetation, and road work.						
	Web Link:	http://www.fs.usda.g	gov/project/?project=60990			
	Location:	UNIT - Three Rivers Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Lincoln. LEGAL - Not Applicable. The legal description of the project area includes all or portions of Townships 32, 33, and 34 North, Ranges 32, 33, and 34 West, PPM, Lincoln County, Montana.				

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Yaak Air Force Base NSFI Parcel Conveyance CE	- Land ownership management	On Hold	N/A	N/A	Dick Harlow 406-295-4693, dharlow@fs.fed.us			
		Description: The conveyance of a parcel of land that is 0.19 acres in size that is completely surrounded by a single private landowner. To be implemented by a direct sale through the Forest Service Facilities and Realignment Act.						
	Location: UNIT - Three Rivers Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Lincoln. LEGAL - SW1/4 Section 35, T36N, R32W, PMM; Lincoln County, MT. NE of Yaak, MT.							

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